(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the estimated expenditure involved in the project;

(d) whether the question of erecting the hi-tech fencing indigenously was examined by Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Illegal occupation of Defence Land

1877. SHRI ABANI ROY Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that defence land in thousands of acres are under illegal occupation by land mafias in connivance with Directorate General of Defence Estates (DGDE) officials across the country;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any time bound plan to get the encroached land vacated from mafias; and

(d) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) All Defence land is placed under the management and custodial responsibility and protection of specific authorities including Director General Defence Estates (DGDE). An

area of 2787.6096 acres of Defence land under the management of the Defence Estates officers/Cantonment Boards is reported to be under encroachment. Most of these encroachments are very old. No case of connivance of DGDE officials in encroachment has come to Government's notice.

(c) and (d) Concerted efforts are on to remove the encroachments. Removal of encroachments being a quasi-judicial process, it is not possible to indicate a definite time frame for the same.

Integrated Multi-disciplinary Indian Defence Intelligence Agency

1878. DR. Y. LAKHSMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an Integrated Multi-disciplinary Indian Defence Intelligence Agency;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the role of the Directorate General of Military Intelligence in "Information Warfare" at present?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Government have decided to review the national security system in its entirety and in particular to consider the recommendations of the Kargil Review Committee. A Task Force has been constituted to review the intelligence apparatus in the country.

(c) "Information Warfare" is a generic term and is normally perceived to have several elements. The concerned in the defence establishment follow up on certain elements in accordance with the procedures laid down.